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Grulla Whim-Whams.

Editor HERALD, July 6, 1903.—Since my last letter to you, we have had three good rains. The first was on the 26th. of last month. It lasted 50 minutes, was very hard, and was accompanied by incessant lightning, and such a varied assortment of lightning, as I have ever seen.

The second rain was on the 1st. of this month, late in the evening. The rain was heavy, but didn't last long, and went off the S. and S. E. When off there, there was a very fine display of lightning. It seemed to be behind the clouds, and looked as if gleaming through an opalescent shade.

The last rain was on Sunday [yesterday] and lasted just 12 minutes, but it was a ground-soaker.

We are certainly having an abundance of rain. I expect that the new settlers will come to the conclusion that the old inhabitants have been "yarning" when they spoke of dry times. I hope we will have a cycle of wet years.

The weather, up to now, has been very temperate, singularly cool for this county. There have been some close, sultry days, but the thermometer has never passed 98°.

The papers have been speaking of the floods in the upper Rio Grande between Albuquerque [N. M.] and El Paso del Norte, from the 15th. to the 23rd. of June. My English friend, and I, have been marvelling why these rises haven't reached us. To-day my old friend Rumaldo (who is my barber) brought me news of the river. It is rising, and began last evening. Rumaldo says that the current is very swift, and the water very clear, a sure sign that it has come from afar. If it is really the El Paso rise, then it will keep up for several days, and may go higher than the June rise. I hope not. I will give a chance to bring Closser's boat down from Carriazo.

The arroyo del Sauz was booming last Monday and Tuesday. On the latter day Don Miguel Peña, our tax-assessor, was crossing in a skiff. In some way the skiff upset and Mr. Peña was thrown into the water. Being unable to swim, he was nearly drowned. Fortunately the ferryman and a spectator, managed to come to the rescue.

People are getting ready to plant again, and quite a large acreage will be put in. A nice lot of cotton was planted, and it is doing finely. I hear that Mr. Manuel Guerra, of Roma, will put up a cotton-gin, either at Rio Grande City, or Roma. There is some talk that he and Shely will, next year, import a lot of cotton seed, for free distribution. This will be a good thing.

Judging from the last numbers of your paper, that song that our

& soldiers were so fond of singing, in Cuba, will be a favorite in your town? I am waiting for the 15th. with anxiety. I want to see if work will begin then—or if a postponement comes. There are some people in this county that seem suspicious of Col. Lott. I don't know him, so I can give no opinion.

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